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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ: ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQAWI'S DEATH; SAO  
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"Icon Of Terror"

Liberal, largest national circulation daily Folha de S. Paulo (6/10) editorialized: "The death of Jordan terrorist Abu Musab al Zarqawi is good news for George W. Bush, one of the few he could show in recent months in Iraq. But, unfortunately, it is very unlikely that it will reduce the violence in that country.... Like Osama bin Laden, al Zarqawi is an icon of terrorism. He planned and carried out some of the most savage actions in Iraq in recent years. He is a symbol who seems to have inspired radical youngsters in several Islamic nations to engage in the 'holy war' against the U.S. by participating in suicide missions.... But also like bin Laden, al Zarqawi's role within Al Qaeda does not seem to be a central one. Each terrorist cell acts with a high level of autonomy, and his death is not expected to change the scenario substantially. Ending the violence in Iraq will demand much more. Above all, it will be necessary to create a state that is realized as legitimate by the main ethnic groups in Iraq. Al Zarqawi was successfully stimulating the violence between Sunnis and Shiites with the purpose of obstructing that exact goal."  
McMullen